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August

Serbfest: Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church hosts their annual Serbfest on Saturday, August 6 (11 am – 8 pm) and Sunday, August 7 (11 am – 6 pm). Enjoy authentic Serbian food and desserts, cultural booths, church tours and Serbian entertainment. 1910 Serbian Drive, St. Louis, MO 63104. For more information, call 314-776-3263.

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Assumption Church Feast Day: Sunday, August 14th, Great Vespers at 6:30 pm followed by a reception; on Sunday, August 15 Orthros will be at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am, followed by a reception.

Orthodox Young Professionals Conference: August 18 - 21 in New Orleans, LA. A weekend of spiritual growth and fellowship with other young adults: people beyond the college years navigating through the daily struggles of life as an Orthodox Christian in their mid-twenties through thirties. Attended by His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph and keynote speaker, Archdeacon Saed Rihani, with workshop speaker Jacob Saylor. For more information and to register online go to www.oypc2016.com.

Panagia's Panegyri Annual Feast Day Celebration: Sunday, August 21, 8:30 am Orthros, 9:45 am Divine Liturgy, 12:00 pm Panagia's Panegyri. Donations: Adults $10; Children $5.00; Children 5 and under are free. There will be games for the children. Co-Chairpersons: Soula Marcou and Dean Bellos. Please call Soula at 636-230-3973 for more information.

September

Labor Day Weekend Family Retreat, "Sacred Space, Sacred time: Cultivating Orthodox Families": Presented by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Family Synaxis. The retreat begins on Friday, September 2, at 7:00 pm and ends on Sunday, September 4, at 4:00 pm. St. Iakovos Retreat Center, Kansasville, WI. The weekend retreat includes workshops by Fr. Andrew Kearns, discussion groups for both adults and children, nature walks, hayride, farm animals, athletics, and fellowship with other families. Register at www.gocfamilysynaxis.org. Aug. 17 is the last day for early-bird registration price and Aug. is the last day to register. Questions: Chicago.family.synaxis@gmail.com or Eleni Anast at 708-250-0034.

St. Nicholas Greek Festival: September 2 – 5, 2016. 4967 Forest Park Avenue. 5 – 9 pm Friday evening, 11 am – 9 pm Saturday and Sunday, 11 am – 8 pm Monday. Greek food, Live music, Church tours and books, Greek Folk Dancing and gift shop daily.

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Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church Feast Day: Please join the parishioners of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church for their feast day on Wednesday, September 7, Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 6:00 pm. 416 Ewing, Madison, IL 62060-1456. For more information, call the parish office at 618-451-9995.

The Dr. Nicholas Matsakis Memorial Lecture: Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 Pm reception, 7:30 pm lecture at UMSL, Millenium Student Center, Century Room A. "Smyrna 1922: An American Rescue and the 20th Century's First Genocide."

Feast day of St. John the Theologian Orthodox Church: Please join the parishioners of St. John the Theologian Church in Cape Girardeau for their feast day. Great vespers will be served on Sunday, September 25 at 6:00 pm followed by a reception, and on Monday, September 27, Matins will be served at 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am.

Twelfth Annual Nativity of the Virgin Mary Trivia Night: Friday, September 30, 2016 at the American Legion Post 581, 375 East Locust, Columbia, IL 62236. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Play begins at 7:00 pm. $15 per person with 8 people per table. Cash bar available, but you may bring your own food. Attendance prizes, silent auction, 50-50 drawing, and Mulligans available. To make reservations contact Eva Pelak at (314) 602-2999 or emphq12@sbcglobal.net. Proceeds to benefit Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church.

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Bringing Orthodoxy to America Conference: A National Missions & Evangelism Conference to be held October 3-5, 2016 in Portland, Oregon at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church. Registration is open online at http://come-sf.org/conference/. Speakers will include Fr. Luke Veronis, Fr. Theodore Dorrance, Fr. Evan Armatas, and Fr. Barnabas Powell.

2016 St. Thomas Festival: St. Thomas the Apostle Romanian Church, 6501 Nottingham Ave., St. Louis, MO 63109. Saturday, October 8th (11 am – 8 pm) and Sunday, October 9th (12 pm – 6 pm). Please join them for delicious food, music, dancers, church tours, and Romanian wine tasting.

Taste of Egypt: St. Mary & St. Abraam Coptic Orthodox Church is celebrating the culture of Egypt with their annual festival. Enjoy Egyptian cuisine, gift items, and children's activities on Saturday, October 8 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm, and Sunday, October 9 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. 1843 Ross Ave., St. Louis, MO 63146. For more information contact Fr. Hedra at f.hedra4christ@gmail.com

Pan-Orthodox Choir Concert to benefit FOCUS-Gateway City: Sunday, October 16, 5:00 pm at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Hall. Choirs from many different Orthodox Churches in the greater St. Louis area will sing hymns dedicate to the Mother of God

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<u>"100 Places in Greece Every Woman Should Go"</u>: Book presentation by author Amanda Summer. UMSL Millenium Student Center, Century Room A, 7:00 pm reception, 7:30 pm lecture.

<u>Monastery Pilgrimage</u>: The Assumption Ladies Philoptochos is sponsoring a trip to the Monastery of St. John Chrysostomos in Pleasant Prairie, WI. Friday, October 21- Sunday, October 23. The $70 cost includes transportation and meals at the monastery. Please bring spending money for meals and snacks for the bus trip or purchases at the Monastery. Payment needed by August 31st to hold reservations. Meet at the Church at 11:30 am. Checks payable to Assumption Church. Questions, call 314-966-2255.

<u>14th Annual IOCC Banquet</u>: Sunday, October 23, 2016 at Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, 1910 Serbian Dr., St. Louis, MO 63104. Vespers at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. IOCC Gift Officer, Nick Kasemeotes, will give a presentation on the refugee crisis. Tickets $35. Please mail checks to Mrs. Teddy Hart, 1715 Featherwood Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146 or register and donate online at iocc.org/stlouis.

November

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<u>Annual George E. Mylonas Lecture in Classical Art & Archaeology</u>: Friday, November 4, time to be announced. Saint Louis Art Museum.

<u>The Catherine Pelican Memorial Lecture in Greek Studies</u>: "The Riddle of the Labrynth," by Margalit Fox of the New York Times. Monday. November 14. 7:00 pm reception, 7:30 pm lecture. UMSL, Millenium Student Center, Century Room A.

December

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<u>St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Feast Day</u>: Wednesday, December 6. More information forthcoming.